

566 Put peace into each other's hands
28 Come and see the shining hope

11.00 am SUNDAY SCHOOLS TOGETHER
Christmas Craft Session in the Parish Hall

Olive Wood Christmas goods from Bethlehem on sale this morning. 50% of proceeds come to St Michael's. Why not do a little Christmas shopping before you leave church?



6.00 pm	SUNG EVENSONG (<i>According to the Book of Common Prayer 1662</i>)	
Readings:	Isaiah 40:1-11	<i>(p. 677 of the Old Testament in the pew bible)</i>
	Luke 1:1-25	<i>(p. 53 of the New Testament in the pew bible)</i>
Reader:	Brian Mattinson	
Office	The Rev'd Colin Perkins	
Preacher	The Rev'd Colin Perkins	
Hymns	38	Hark, a thrilling voice is sounding
	Psalm 75	<i>Page 440 of the small Prayer Book</i>
	99	Hail to the Lord's Anointed
	46	On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
	45	O come, O come, Emmanuel

WORSHIP AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Mon 7 th	10.00 am	Standing Committee at the Vicarage
	7.00 pm	<i>Faith and Life</i> at the Vicarage
Tues 8 th	10.45 am	Funeral of Jack Dobbs
Wed 9 th	10.15 am	Mothers' Union Deanery Advent Eucharist in St Michael's
	2.00 pm	Alnwick St Paul's Educational Charity meeting at the Vicarage
	6.30 pm	Scouts Carol Service in St Michael's
Thurs 10 th	9.15 am	Mini Michaels
Fri 11 th	10.00 am	Big Clean in church
	7.30 pm	Alnwick Playhouse Community Choir: Festive music at St Paul's Church <i>See page 4</i>
Sat 12 th	11.00 am	Bishop Christine's Inauguration at St Nicholas' Cathedral, Newcastle

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK...

That we may keep our promises to God and one another

The Mothers' Union – and especially their Advent Eucharist on Wednesday

An end to warfare and violence

Oxfam

The Diocese of Newcastle as we welcome Christine, our new Bishop

Next Sunday: 13th December The Third Sunday of Advent

8.00 am	Holy Communion	Zephaniah 3:14-20	(CW 741)
		Philippians 4:4-7	(CW 743)
		Luke 3:7-18	(CW 743)
9.30 am	Parish Eucharist		
11.15 am	Late Morning Worship		
11.15 am	Holy Communion at Denwick		
6.00 pm	Sung Evensong (BCP, 1662)	Isaiah 35; Luke 1:57-66 [67-end]	



Don't forget the **BIG CLEAN** on Friday morning – to get the church looking good, and ready for the Christmas season. Please come and join us at 10.00 am; cleaning materials and a hot drink provided. The more people we have, the merrier... see you then!

Alnwick Skate Park fundraising committee invite you to a **FUNDRAISING BINGO** event on Wednesday Dec 16th, 6.00 pm at Alnwick Community Centre. If anyone could bake Festive cookies or cakes for this event please let Julia know.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY ADVENT CANDLE APPEAL. There are still some savings candles available. You are invited to take one home to save over the Christmas period. Candles should be returned on the feast of Candlemas which we will observe on Sunday 31st January.

There are still a small number of bundles of **PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS** waiting to be collected and delivered. Please could you help with these as soon as possible by taking some so that all may receive a Christmas greeting and know when our services are taking place.



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS. Contributions towards the cost of decorating the church for Christmas would be gratefully received. Please hand your donations to Ann Brown, Enid Brown or Pat Taylor.

Many thanks to all who have donated bedding and warm clothing to the West End Refugee Service. We have now delivered TEN car-loads! If, amongst all the other demands at this time of year, you could find it in your heart to donate toiletries or chocolate(s) please leave them at the back of church.

It's the time of year again when you are invited to sign up for membership of the monthly **PARISH HALL PRIZE DRAW**. There are 3 cash prizes each month - £20, £10 and £5. Annual Membership is £20, payable in advance. That's a bargain, and it helps the Parish Hall funds as well. Application forms are available now at the back of church – please take one to complete and return to Geoff Brown.



We need a few more helpers for the **PARISH REFRESHMENTS** rota. Could YOU spare some time after the 9.30 am Eucharist to help serve tea/coffee and clear up afterwards. If you are able to help, please speak to Anne Harrison. Thanks

On Friday 11th December. 7.30pm at St Paul's Church.

Come and enjoy a varied seasonal programme of **FESTIVE MUSIC** sung by Alnwick Playhouse Community Choir (spot the familiar faces). Your £10 entry will support refugee charities,



Wednesday 23rd December at 11.30 am in church. **CHRISTINGLE MAKING**
Please come along and join the production line...and bring a wooden spoon!

FUTURE DIARY DATES – MAKE A NOTE OF THEM NOW

Tues 15 th	6.30 pm	Mayor's Carol Service
Wed 16 th Dec	2.00 pm	St Michael's School Carol Service in church
	6.00 pm	Skateboard Group Fundraising Bingo at Community Centre

Details of Christmas Worship are on page 24 of the Gateway – on sale at the back of church.

Please note the following corrections for 23 (Notice Board Page) of the December/January edition of Gateway.

1. The venue for the Mothers' Union Advent Eucharist was omitted - it is here at St Michael's.
2. The advertised Mayor's Carol Service is on TUESDAY 15th at 6.30 pm (NOT Saturday as stated!). Many apologies to all involved.

If you are a UK taxpayer, St Michael's can benefit to the tune of 25p for each £1.00 donated by Gift Aid. Please use the brown envelopes which you will find at the end of each pew. Thank you.

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